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Dear Wooddale Residents:

This letter serves as the ninth update on the status of the Wooddale Covered Bridge project. Since the last update last August, the Contractor has completed a large portion of the work including the bridge abutments, wingwalls, stone masonry, retaining wall, and roadway grading. Due to good weather and the aggressive pace of the Contractor, the project is currently ahead of schedule.

Because the Contractor is ahead of schedule, the covered bridge is not ready to be fabricated and installed. As such, there will be a period of inactivity over the next several weeks. I am writing to assure you that this project continues to make progress and continues to remain on schedule. During this down time, the shop drawings will be approved, and the pieces that must be fabricated off site will be fabricated. At that point, the construction of the covered bridge will begin on site.

Please remember, although this is an exciting and interesting project, the project area is still a construction area with many dangers. Please **do not** enter the work area until the project is complete.

If you have any questions or comments, please give us a call at the contact information provided on the website (http://www.deldot.gov/static/projects/wooddale_bridge/index.shtml).

Sincerely,


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